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IN THEIR LAST LONG SLEEP

Beautiful Spot in Which Have Been Laid American Soldiers Who Died in Liberty's Cause.

On the wooded slope of a steep hill that rises high over a great bend in the River Seine lies a little plot of earth that is as much America as is the national cemetery at Arlington or the hallowed ground of Gettysburg. It is a quiet and peaceful spot, for although Paris is near—the slender pinnacle of the Eiffel tower is in plain view over the trees-the city is separated from the American cemetery at Surnesnes by the green expanse of the Bots de Boulogne. The heart of the city that is the heart of the world is not five miles away; you would think it at least fifty. It is a spot farremoved from war, and yet there are enough of the accoutrements of war about it to remind-the visitor that the 700 graves here are the graves of soldiers-mostly of soldiers who died of their wounds on the journey in from the front or at one of the hospitals in or near the capital. Further up the slope frown the ramparts of the fort of Mount Valerien, one in the chain of defenses that surround Parls. During hostilities planes flew from field to field, the drone of their motors never so clear as in this quiet countryside. And more warlike still, an occasional cannon shot echoed from a testing ground in the neighborhood. The little cemetery Itself, with its wellaligned rows of white wooden crosses, will some day be as green and fair a God's acre as any in France. It is becoming so as fast as the loving hands of the living can convert it into one. Even in these fresh fall days, the graves are all abloom, and hardy shrubs add a touch of somber beauty to the little corners and round points. -Stars and Stripes, Paris.

WAR DEMAND FOR PLATINUM

Io Essential in Production of Sulphurio Acid, Indispensable in Manufacture of Explosives.

* Two universally known productsone a rare metal, the other a common acid-have lately assumed importance that is mystifying to the laity. Platinum has become virtually the king of metals, and sulphuric acid the king of chemicals. The reasons for this are most simple. Platinum is obtained chiefly from the Ural mountains. Owing to chaotic conditions in Russia, little of it is being mined. It is absolutely essential in the manufacture of suiphuric acid. Without a small amount of it being present, oxygen, water and sulphur dioxide will, not unite chemhand, was probably the most indispensable product used in the prosecution of the war. Its tremendous affinity for water made it vitally important in the manufacture of high explosives. For instance, one obtains a fairly harmless liquid by mixing glycerin and nitric acid. If sulphuric acid is added, it combines the two chemically by taking an atom of hydrogen and one of oxygen from the nitric acid, an atom of hydrogen from the glycerin, forming water, and taking it unto itself. One then has nitroglycerin. In a similar manner sulphuric acid is needed for the manufacture of guncotton and TNT. Thus we had the peculiar cycle of circumstances that made It unpatriotic for an American to have In his possession more than an ounce of platfnum in the form of jewelry. Incidentally, however, there is said to be good reason for the belief that a very large proportion of the so-called platinum in modern jewelry is com-posed wholly or at least in part of cheaper metals.—Popular Mechanics

Substitute for Tea.

It is said that there are now on the market as a substitute for tea the leaves of a plant which Niebuhr described as long ago as 1775. The plant is the Catha edulis, or Arabian ten, which is cultivated or grown wild on the East African coast from Abys-sinia to Natal, in the Nile valley, and in Arabia. The leaves are called by the natives "kat," and when boiled give off a liquor which is said to be powerful stimulant. The natives drink this ten before starting on long marches or other strenuous labors. The ten is said to have a pleasant aroma and to be useful against neuraigia, while in many regions the plant is considered to be a protection against plague.

All He Had Left. The conjuror was giving a sleight of hand performance. One of his feats was to make a marked dollar bill disappear in the sight of the crowd, which

he did successfully.
"That marked dollar bill will be found in the vest pocket of that gen-tleman," said the conjuror, pointing with his magic wand at Sam Lawsing. All eyes were riveted on Sam, who advanced to the front, took some

oney from his vest pocket and said: "Boss, here's your change. Ah've had two beers and a cigar out of that

dollar you told me to keep in ma pocket till you called for it."

Peace Ambassadore. General Mangin possesses a vein of sardonic humor. When, in the autumn of 1916, he had helped to undo in a few days the work for which the crown prince during eight months had sacrified the flower of the kulser's army, at Verdun, Germany launched a peace offensive. Reviewing his men one day. Mangin eyed them over and

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remarked with a grim smile, "Ah, you're the sort of pence ambassadors

REACH LIMIT IN ABSORPTION

Small Things Like the Turmoll of a Great War Cannot Disturb Chess Devotees,

To its devotees chess is the most absorbing of all merta! activities, the game that above all others brings complete forgetfulness of the world to those who play and those who watch the moves, observes a writer in the New York Herald.

A striking example of this self-absorption has been shown recently in the rooms of a local chess club when distinguished experts struggled for supremacy in the mimic field heedless of the stupendous four-year struggle that was fast drawing to a close on Europe's shell-torn, blood-soaked board. What was the reckless slaughter of thousands of German soldiers in comparison with the sacrifice of a single moved the pieces or of the greater number who watched them with furrowed brows and fast-beating hearts thought of the kniser's peace offer while the queen's gambit was passing before their eyes? The pope may lift his voice in words of solemn counsel, but they heed him not. The only ecclesiastical power that they recognize is that of the mitred bishop sweeping into the heart of the enemy's country and smiting the rock as it stands.

To read the printed accounts of this tournament is to recall the old Puck picture of two chess players carried in their chairs from a burning building with the board between them. Nor do we wonder at the fact that it was only while absorbed in his daily game that the exiled Napoleon could forget Str Hudson Lowe.

EPIGRAPHS PROVE A PUZZLE

Explanation of Hieroglyphics Admit tedly Very Old Will Surely Be of the Greatest Interest.

Amateur archeologists of California are endeavoring to interest professional scientists of the East in the epigraphs which abound on the rocks of Round Valley, not far from the city of Bishop, and which are believed to be us old, if not older, than the hieroglyphics of earliest Egypt, to which they bear a strange resemblance.

It is believed by many that the strange markings constituted the names by which ancient tribes marked the source of water supply for the benefit of those of their number who

lived roving lives. These hieroglyphics have never been deciphered, although they are matters of record in the leading museums o the country, it is said. The Indian tribes now living in the vicinity declare they are the work of the Indians of North America and that they antedate all aboriginal lore.

Some who have examined the strange markings in the flinty bowlders say the heiroglyphics closely resemble those of earliest Egypt and may replace the latter as the first

written language of humanity. They are found always in the vicinity of water supplies, the same markings discovered near Bishop appearing also on rocks extending through the Canadian border, down through Washington, Oregon and California to the Mexican line and beyond. This fact, it is argued, indicates that prehistoric tribes marked a highway for their migrating members or for their armies, giving specific directions as to the best water supplies along the way.

French Live Stock on the Decline. The United States food administration has called attention to the large decrease in live stock in France since the beginning of the war. In cattle this decrease amounted to 2,599,000 up to December, 1917; in sheep the decrease amounted to 6,238,000 head; in bogs to 2,869,000 head. In the period since owing to the food shortage there has been a still further shrinkage. Figures like these indicate that there will be a large and insistent demand for live stock from this country for the foreign trade for many years after peace is finally established.

Good American Family. Thirty years ago a girl came to this country from Russia to marry Louis Fleshner, an immigrant from the same country. They settled in Springfield, Mass., and when the United States entered the war they had four sons, the oldest 23. All of them entered the

army and the eldest has distinguished him to in battle. He is the young man who, having lost an arm and an eye while carrying ammunition through shell fire, optimistically exclaimed: "I'm the lucklest Jew in the army. Any other man in my place would have been killed."-American Israelite.

"Olive" Oil. Over 500 different types of husked rice or paddy were under examination last year at one of the government agricultural farms in Burma, and over 200 types of sassamum were grown at another. Hitherto much of the sassamum grown in Burma has been exported to Europe, where it is used for the production of the so-called "olive oll" for which France and Italy have long been famed.

Stop to think how often a certain clerk in the bakery department of a certain downtown store being you to decide on a round marshmallow cake or a square chocolate in preference to

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A Letter From France

to wish a merry Christmas and convoying us across. a happy New Year.

tvory pawn standing guard before its the end of one of the most glor-ship; then in quick succession read, in bold, ringing tones, queen? Which one of those who lous years the world has ever shots were fired from the cruis-from a manuscript. It was an

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On the morning of February 17th O. S.

teen guns, including two anti-

The name of said boat was the

imply anything, for it wasn't Man.

bar, for the ocean was very Jersey street.

to go hungry. As for myself, I Man. Open evenings.

DeKalb, but the name doesn't

built to carry troops, consequently we were obliged to sleep

rough. It was twice as bad the

air craft.

wasn't sick, but several times I caught myself swallowing pret-

ty hard. All of us were assigned to life L. N. Bellinger is in receipt of rafts and were given life belts the following letter from his which we were supposed to importance, in view of chang-son. Wilbur M. Bellinger, and keep with us at all times. About ing labor conditions, took place dated at Tours. France, Nov. the only good use I could find at the St. Johns Lumber Comformy life belt was that it made pany on Saturday, December 21.

My Dear Father: I have been a fine pillow. We traveled for The big mill closed down at the last pany on Saturday. The big mill closed down at the last pany on Saturday is a fine pillow. We traveled for the big mill closed down at the last pany on Saturday is a fine pillow. We traveled for the big mill closed down at the last pany on Saturday is a fine pillow. We traveled for the big mill closed down at the last pany on Saturday is a fine pillow. We traveled for the big mill closed down at the last pany on Saturday is a fine pillow. debating with myself for the about five days without seeing regular time, but the men did not last half hour on what shall be a single ship only now and then climb the hill at once. Instead the contents of this letter. Here we would pass a ship going in they congregated in a solid body is the present situation—every- the opposite direction back to outside the office. In a few body in France is supposed to the States. Finally we came up minutes Mr. Jones, the superinwrite a letter to his father on with seven other ships all going tendent, came through the office this date. Therefore you will in the same direction we were. doors, followed immediately by perhaps understand why I am In all there were nine ships in Mr. N. E. Ayer, the president of

by one since October, 1917. convoy of twelve torpedo boats conclusion of the presentation Left Vancouver on the night of which came out to take us thru address Mr. Ayer responded Oct. 22 and went to Madison the danger zone, and the cruis- with great feeling. Barracks, New York, via the er then turned back. The rest that he was no public speaker, Great Northern and New York of our trip overseas was rather but nevertheless he spoke on, Central R. R. After remaining uneventful, only we all that we fluently and earnestly, until he at Madison B. for several months could see land long before there had made an address that was

eleventh hour we had a physical examination and I, of course, ashore for about four days. was one of the unfortunate; anyway, they said it was the mea- for five days and then proceed- war. Among other good things Was put into an ambu- ed to Blois, where we were re- that Mr. Ayer said, were these: lance; by the way, it was my classified,

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believe that it was the coldest luck or ill fortune, but on March

we were hauled out of bed Dad, old boy, I believe that I

tunate creatures were put on nevertheless I haven't a thing

detail loading barracks bags on- to regret. Am sending you my

particular boat wasn't the most good wishes. Merry Christmas convenient. In the first place it from me over here to you over

was a second class interned Ger-man cruiser, having in all four-M. Bellinger.

My bunk for the entire trip was Portland can make their pay-

on top of a old "hatch" about ments without inconvenience by

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Token of Appreciation JAMES KNEW IT WAS COMING

An event of more than local writing at this date. It is only cluding one cruiser which was the lumber company, who look-to wish a merry Christmas and convoying us across. happy New Year.

One evening while we were settled upon the throng and then Dad, old boy, it seems to me all lined up for mess we heard Mr. O. Howard, retail tallyman, that we are gradually nearing the signal given to abandon stepped forward and began to known. Not only have we as a er, which was fully four thou- address of presentation. A clannation made it possible for humanity to exist, but we can now return to our respective homes, kicking up the water not three Mr. Ayer with a memorial of knowing that we have accom-plished the thing we set out to do. Just at present the above the excitement was all over and this was the climax. What Mr. isn't of much interest to those at home, for the "Bosche" are now back where they were forty years ago.

we were going at full speed Ayer thought he was being called a ship. One poor fellow got so excited that he heaved his rain coat and expression from apparent dark Dad, since this letter isn't to mess kit overboard, but wished doubt to delighted surprise inbe censured, I am going to try and relate some of my experiences as they have happened one longer and then were met by a locity and completeness. At the I left with my company, 307 was any land to be seen.
supply, for Hoboken, N. Y. Got on the boat all O. K., but at the 1918, we docked at St. Nazaire, ment of the new and better renot only worthy of the occasion,

"I believe that the employes are entitled to the highest possille wages; and, also, that they should, in some way, share in the profits as well. I want to see you not only making a liv-ing, but also having a good

"Employed and employer must work together. You can't de without me, and I can't do without you." without you.

I believe in a minimum wage, not maximum, because a man's wages should have no upper lim-"Employes have as good right

to organize as employers. They must use common sense and judgment, however, and be careful not to cut off the nose to spite the face." "Like all other groups, em-

ployes have to solve their own problems. No one takes any of us by the hand to lead us, but we all have to find our own way to better things.' "At all times, however," and

this Mr. Ayer repeated and emphasized, "I shall be more than glad to meet with you and to advise with you on anything you may want to take up with me. Mr. Ayer said also that the lumber line at the moment was go-

ing through a period of readjustment which was having a temporary cramping effect, but first and last ride up to date. I I am not saying as to my good that after a short time demand would open up, and 1919 prove ride I have ever taken, and I was 18th I landed in Tous, where I to be one of the best years that glad that I did have a few clothes was given a job as permanent the lumber industry ever saw. K. P.-my favorite occupation The presentation was entirely Was in the hospital for six- not by choice but natural hard

teen days, then back to Camp luck. After my siege at the The men realized Mr. Ayer's Merritt for three weeks, where spud sack I was put in the office quiet but indefagitable efforts I spent a very disagreeable time of the chief Q. M., where I have to serve them and wished to show their appreciation.

The inscription on the cup reads as follows: "To N. E. about 3 a. m. and after having have told you everything which Ayer, from his employes of the a light breakfast and riding has transpired since I left home St. Johns Lumber Co. In recfor several hours we finally end- over one year ago. Everything ognition of his manly, fair and ed up in Philadelphia. I, along hasn't at all times been just as helpful conduct toward us at all with a number of other unfor- I would liked to have them, but times."

to that boat. By the way, this heartiest congratulations and The Likeness Confusing

Since Gladys took to gardening And wields the rake and hoe, She wears a pair of overalls

Just like her brother Joe. -W. W. Rogers, The Raincoat And with her rakish panama She is a picture that Whenever I behold her makes My heart go pit-a-pat.

wherever we could find room. taxes and city liens to pay in Last night beneath the silver I stole upon her where four decks under water. On availing themselves of our ser-the morning of Feb. 19, 1918, vices. We will pay same and With slow and patient care we left the dock and proceeded secure your receipt without in-With slow and patient care.

down the harbor thru a field of convenience to you. Fee, 25 took broken ice, and by sundown we were out in the mighty Atlantic. Johns Bank.—Peninsula Title. Before I saw that it was not My Gladys, but her brother. -Exchange.

or a square chocolate in preference to a three-cornered devil's food.

"Look at the tricorns left again," snickered the white-aproned diplomat.
"Never catch me rootin' for tri's; too hard to wrap,"—Indianapolis News.

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So, Contrary to All Precedent, He Pleaded With His Mother to Ad-Pupils developed from beginning to minister the "Dose."

James, his mother called him, but clothes to starchy clean apparel-the movies to Sunday school-and almost anything to grade school, although he had given it only a few weeks' trial, the Kansas City Star says.

While his father is overseas with a government permit to bunt the Hun. the mother adds to the family income by working in an office close to home. James had made it a custom to meet his mother at the closing hour and accompany her home.

Early one morning James started for school dressed in a clean new suit. That evening an almost unrecognizable six-year-old youngster awaited his mother at the office. Immediately upon her appearance he stepped forth with the emplanation, forestalling anything that might be said or done on her part. "I didn't go to school. went riding with the coal man. 'spect you're going to whip me." Placing a smudgy hand upon his mother's arm, he continued: "Come on, let's hurry home and get it over with."

PROBLEM FOR ART EXPERTS

How to Save Masterpleces of Painting le Matter Which Puzzles Authorities in Italy.

A heating apparatus powerful enough to force heat through a pile of sandlags 12 feet thick and to dry without scorching the wall behind in needed to preserve one of the world's masterpleces, "The Last Supper," of Leonardo da Vinci, which is painted on the wall of the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie at Milan, Italy. The dampness which accumulates in the sand necessary as a protection from air raids is fast fading the colors of the picture, already damaged by time. The restoration necessary for Leonardo's picture is unsuited to the frescoes of Luini and other masters painted on the same wall. How to give each set of masterpleces the treatment required is the problem. So far the experts of the Italian ministry of the arts have been unable to find a solution

Hereditary Hay Fever. Dr. W. Scheppegrell, president of the American Hay Fever Prevention association, has recently made an anslysis of 415 cases treated in the hay fever clinic of the Charity hospital at New Orleans and elsewhere in that city in order to determine the influence of heredity on this disease. He finds that in more than one-third of the cases the patients had a father, mother, brother or sister who was a victim of the disease. Probably the influence of heredity is even greater than indicated by these figures, as specific susceptibility may exist indefinitely without developing hay fever, by reason of insufficient exposure to the pollens that cause the malady. The question of the development of a natural immunity from continued exposure to the specific pollens is, says Doctor Scheppegrell, a difficult one to settle, on account of the difficulty of eliminsting the question of decreased exposure.-Scientific American.

Japan Larger Than Germany. In the World's Work there is a chart which shows a comparison of Germany and the Japanese empire. Japan is the greater of the two both in territory and population. Germany's area (ex clusive of colonies) is 268,780 square miles, while that of Japanese empire is 260,738 square miles. This includes the peninsula of Korea, which is a part of the Japanese nation, but it does not include Manchurlan and othor Asiatic territory in which Japan has secured ninety-nine-year leases of ports and railroads as well as bustness advantages of all sorts and mining rights. Germany's population at the beginning of the great war was about 67,000,000. There are now 71, 000,000 people living under the Japanese flag, and there are also great numbers of them scattered over the islands of the Pacific and in foreign countries.

Material for Explosive. As to the source of the toluol needed for explosives, it is pointed out that there has been recently a great increase in the number of by-product coke ovens in this country. However, says the Scientific American, if 20,000,-000 tons of coke are made in these ovens during the present year we shall get from this source only 10,000,000 gallons of toluol, which is about onefourth as much as the government estimated it would need for munitions. Another promising measure recently innugarated is the stripping of city gas of this material, which can be spared without any serious detriment to the gas, and amounts to about .04 gallon for each 1,000 feet of gas. It is estimated that ten of the largest city gas plants of the country will yield about 10,000,000 gallons of

Talked Too Much. Joe had been instructed that if he did not stop running away he could not go to the movies. Supposing the day's slate was clean, Joe's mother was taking him to a show. As the two reached the door Joe said: "Just running to the bridge wasn't far, was it, mother?" Joe was turned homeward, and put to bed. Hearing the little fellow talking to himself a few moments later, mother eaves-dropped: "There's one time, old man, you talked too much."

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